

Tonight at 6:45: Final
sermon in the Lenten Series
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Tomorrow: Final Adora-
tion day for Morrissey,
Breen-Phillips and St.
Edward's halls.

How To Prepare For Marriage

Few students need proximate preparation for marriage while still in school. But every student who expects to marry needs to be concerned about the remote preparation. The following suggestions were given to your fathers when they were students here (1932). Do the suggestions have any merit in your day?

1. "If possible, keep your head. Insanity and blindness are natural concomitants of love. But, if possible, keep your head.
2. "Lead a clean life. This is always possible. The great aids to it are:
(a) Clean ideals: the Blessed Virgin for womanhood, St. Joseph for manhood;
(b) Clean companionship, dictated by decent self-respect;
(c) The private view of chastity, made with your confessor's permission;
(d) Ardent attachment to the Sacraments, and prayer.
3. "Learn frugality. The girl who has to be won by expensive presents is not worth winning. Let her love you for yourself. If you spoil her now, you will have to pay the bills later on. Early marriage is nearly always to be preferred (this does not mean the Freshman year), as it brings accomodation of character during the pliable years; and frugality is usually essential in early marriage.
4. "Seek counsel. Your parents may be pretty dumb in your eyes, but they know heaps more than you do about marriage. And the priest knows plenty about what wrecks marriage. Those who don't consult him before marriage are most likely to do so after it is too late.
5. "Never confuse infatuation, or lust, with love. Love implies reverence. A girl who does not command your respect is not worthy of you. Your own self-respect demands that you shun such company; and if you are lacking in self-respect, you are doomed to learn by bitter experience that lust is a usurer who exacts blood even to the grave.
6. "Try out her cooking. What is the favorite topic of conversation at school? Food, without a doubt. It outdistances athletics, religion, philosophy, girls, everything. It is the great interest that engineers have in common with the rest of mankind. She may never have to soil her hands with dish-water; but if she doesn't, you will. There'll come a time! don't wait until after marriage to domesticate her. If she doesn't know how to manage a home, you won't have a home."

An Alumnus adds: "Advise Catholic boys to marry Catholic girls. I am a convert. I married a Baptist who gave me all the rights over my children. She never interfered in my religion, and always reminded me of my Communion Sunday. She became a wonderful Catholic and is a wonderful woman. But with all my good luck along this line I say, 'Catholics marry Catholics.' In the past twenty years I have seen too many cases where good Catholics married good Protestants, and now neither has any religion."

Tonight at 7:30: Last session of the Marriage Institute for Seniors.

Tonight at 8:00: Semi-Finals of the Bengal Bouts in the fieldhouse. Don't miss them.

PRAYERS REQUESTED - Ill: infant daughter of Prof. James Horrigan (Commerce); cousin of Frank Moosbrugger of Pangborn; cousin of Pat Hughes of Fisher; grandfather of Edward Plumly of Pangborn.